Child Care Compliance

2026 Quarter 2 Dashboard

April 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026

Learn more about child care in Missouri here.

Amount of Time to Get Licensed

Licensed in less than 6 months

72%

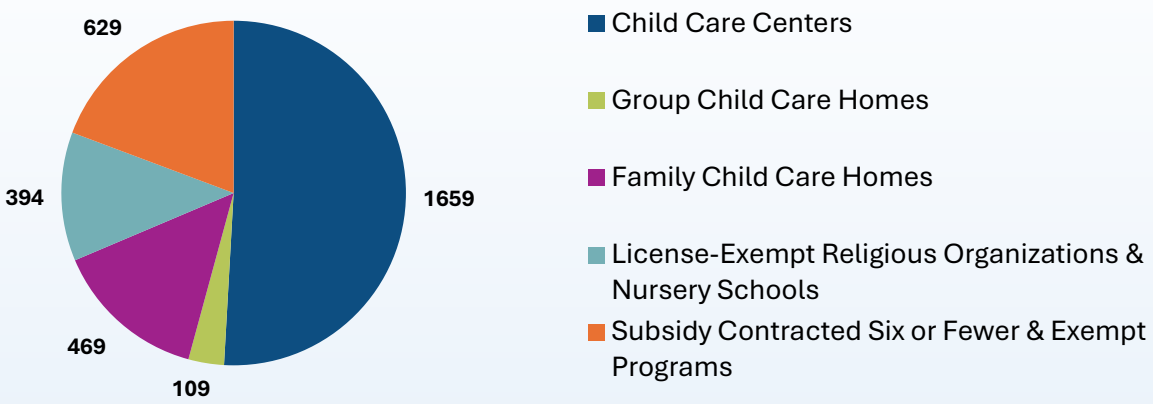
Licensed in 6 - 12 months

28%

Licensed in more than 12 months

0%

Number of Licensed, License-Exempt, & Subsidy Contracted Child Care Facilities



162,458

Total child care slots for all Licensed and License-Exempt child care facilities, excluding subsidy contracted providers

*Data as of June 30, 2026

249

Facilities pending licensure and License-Exempt approval to operate, excluding subsidy contracted providers

*Data as of June 30, 2026

1,724

Child care inspections completed in Licensed, License-Exempt, and Subsidy Contracted facilities from April 1, 2026, to June 30, 2026

375

Complaint investigations completed in Licensed, License-Exempt, and Subsidy Contracted facilities from April 1, 2026, to June 30, 2026

Event Highlights from Q2 2026

- Hosted an off-site orientation in Kansas City for potential providers who spoke different languages.
- Hosted 9 informational sessions in April 2026 across the state, including Macon, Raytown, Jefferson City, Springfield, and Cape Girardeau.
- Hosted a table for Child Care Compliance at the MO-SECA conference in Kansas City.
- Other Meetings/Events Attended:
  - South Central Community Leaders
  - Callaway County Early Education Coalition
  - Northeast Community Stakeholder meeting
  - Northwest Community Stakeholder Meeting

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Child Care Regulations

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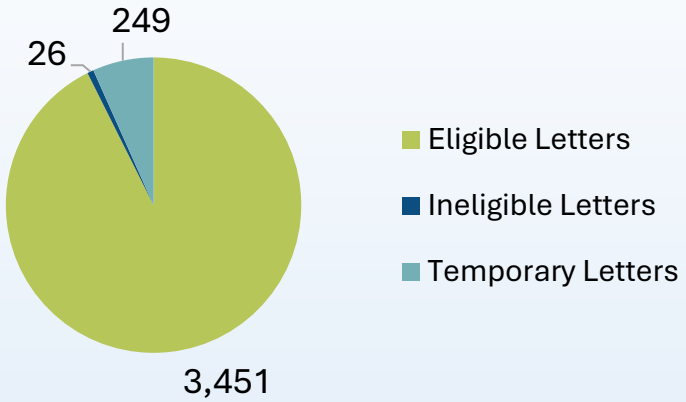
Background Screening

3,726 Total Eligibility Letters Processed
from April 1, 2026, to June 30, 2026



Average Processing Time
(based on completion date)

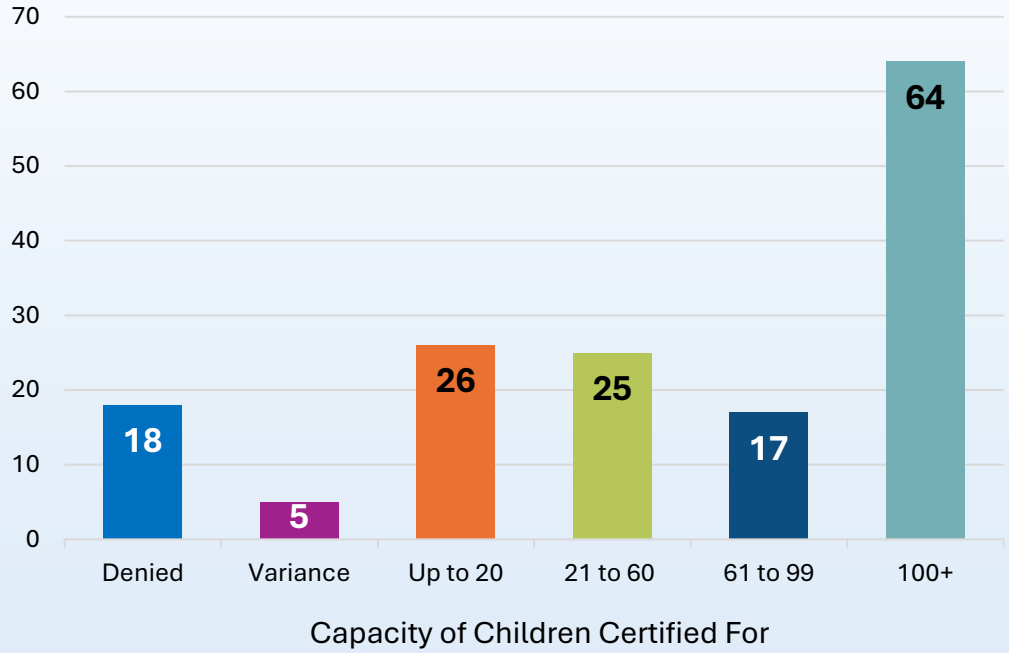
2 calendar days

Average Out-of-State Processing Time
(based on completion date)

32 calendar days

Director Certification

155 Total Requests Processed
from April 1, 2026, to June 30, 2026



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